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Attention: Renata Hesse, Department of Justice:

I wish to express my views on the Microsoft case as invited by the Department. There are several points I would like to make in support of Microsoft:

- I resent the government's characterization of me and other computer users as helpless victims who cannot choose the software that is useful to us. Further, I do not think that the government has any right to decide what can be in my computer.
- I resent the idea that a successful business and its products are a threat to me or anyone else, and I have yet to hear any meaningful or rational argument why they should be considered as such.
- I resent the fact that the complaint against Microsoft originated not with individual consumers, or with Microsoft's partners, but with Microsoft's unsuccessful competitors. This alone should be sufficient to dismiss such a case entirely and without further consideration. Failed businesses must not be allowed to set the rules for the markets in which they have failed.
- For politicians to try to protect some businesses from others is a dangerous policy. Continued arbitrary application of the incomprehensible antitrust laws against successful businessmen can only lead to corruption and economic disaster as shown in many other countries and in many periods of history.
- Finally, and most importantly, Microsoft's creators and investors have a fundamental right to their property, and to trade it voluntarily with anyone and on any terms they wish. It is the government's job to protect this right, not to take it away. The whole situation is really alarming to anyone who understands this issue.

Thanks for your attention and I hope that these points will be considered.

Sincerely,

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